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METHODS FOR THE USE

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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2001, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

In accordance with the present invention, there are provided methods and formulations useful for the in vivo delivery of substantially water insoluble pharmacologically active agents (such as the anticancer drug paclitaxel) in which the pharmacologically active agent is delivered in the form of suspended particles coated with protein. The present invention is particularly useful in reducing the toxicity of paclitaxel in a subject in need thereof by eliminating the toxic excipients associated with in vivo delivery of paclitaxel.

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